

The background of the entire page is a close-up photograph of autumn leaves in shades of yellow and orange. The leaves have prominent veins and some are slightly torn or damaged.

Plain Talks & News

NOVEMBER, 1972

One of the most crucial elections of our time will be decided Tuesday, November 7. The make-up of The Congress, the offices of President and Vice-President, and a number of local and state contests all deserve your serious consideration and action.

If you didn't take time to register and vote, you have only yourself and others like you to blame if you feel the results will adversely affect you and your family for years to come. History has proven that your one vote is important. Time and again, a few thousand non-voters could have changed election results. There have been classic examples of this in Louisiana and Texas, not to mention the fraction of our country's voters that have separated winner from loser in recent presidential elections.

Come Election Day, you will have listened to countless speeches, read newspaper stories and seen and heard all the leading candidates on television. But in those final hours, Election Day, it's your turn to be involved in charting your nation's future by "voting," or "declaring," your own views.

When the polls have closed on November 7, will you be among the 80 million Americans who can say, "I exercised my right to be a part of choosing a President."

J.S.T.

Election Day

November 7, 1972



Volume 50

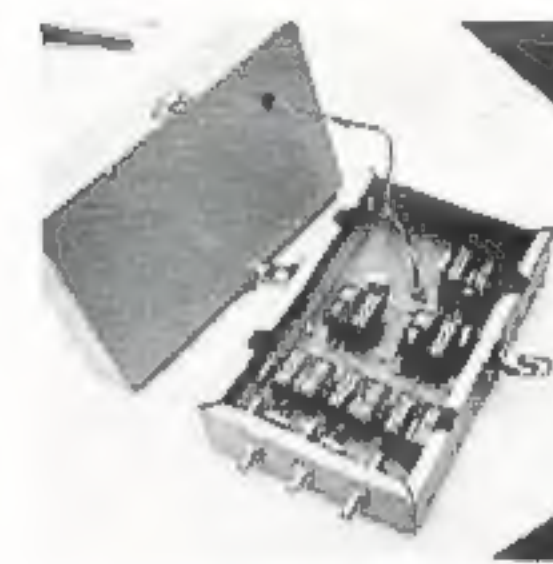
Number 9

November, 1972

<i>International Artist</i>	2
<i>TV Star</i>	4
<i>Little Black Box</i>	6
<i>GSU News</i>	8
<i>Coloring Page</i>	19
<i>Retirements</i>	20
<i>Flu Shots</i>	21
<i>People On The Move</i>	22
<i>Service Awards</i>	24
<i>Coffee Cup</i>	26
<i>Welcome Aboard</i>	32



Artist p. 2



Black Box p. 6

Published Monthly By
Public Relations Dept.

GULF STATES UTILITIES CO.

P. O. Box 2951
Beaumont, Texas 77704

James S. Turner, Director, Public Relations
Mike Shurtleff, Associate Editor
Pat McMeel, Contributing Editor,
Beaumont

Member:



International Artist Adds To Campaign



Mrs. Natascha Bartnicki (left) of Beaumont talks with Mildred Tribble (right), GSU home service director. Mrs. Bartnicki was commissioned to provide the artwork for the electric heating conversion campaign mailers that employees are now receiving.

As most Gulf Staters know, the company is now in the middle of an electric heating conversion campaign, and a highly-talented Beaumont artist was commissioned to provide the artwork for the four mailers currently being received in the homes of all employees.

The artist's name is Mrs. Natascha Bartnicki, of Beaumont, and quite a talented lady she is.

Mrs. Bartnicki was born in Riga, Latvia, raised in Warsaw, Poland, and majored in sculpture and minor-ed in painting at the Art Academy in Munich, Germany. She operated an art studio in Caracas, Venezuela from 1954-56, then owned an art school in Golden, Colorado from 1956-59. After residing in Atlanta, Georgia for several years, Mrs. Bartnicki settled in Baton Rouge, La. until she became a Beaumont resident in 1968. Her travels have enabled her to see much of the world, and study many facets of art and its history. Her art is not confined to paper and canvas; her talents include working with ceramics, sculpture, clay and wood. Her exposure to different countries has enabled her to become fluent in five languages -- Russian, Polish, German, Spanish and English.



Mrs. Bartnicki and her husband live in a home that is surrounded by tall trees and bamboo shoots, and there is a swimming pool in the back yard. When asked if she swam often, her reply was most conclusive. "I swim every day," was the answer. "It takes a constant effort to maintain the pool, but the enjoyment that swimming provides make it worthwhile." There is also a studio behind the pool where the talented world traveler teaches art and sculpture.

The list of awards bestowed upon Mrs. Bartnicki goes on endlessly, and it would take several pages to cover all of her achievements. Some of her recent accomplishments include first prize in sculpture, the best in show and highest award for teachers at the 1968 South Central Ninth Annual Ceramic Show. She is a member of the Beaumont Art Museum and presents many shows featuring her works in the Beaumont area.

Each cover of the four heating conversion campaign mailers sent to employees depicts a different drawing of a bird, suitable for framing. All of the cover pictures were drawn by Mrs. Bartnicki, and they exemplify her unique style and ability. Thanks to the four works from Mrs. Bartnicki, everyone should be on the lookout, because "the birds are coming" and the prints, when framed, will make an attractive wall grouping.

Company Has A TV Star!

*by Carolyn Motl
Plain Talks Reporter*

The Beaumont T&D Storeroom has a TV Star! It's Jean McClammy who is a clerk of 19 months for the Storeroom.

Jean recently had the opportunity to meet William Conrad, star of the TV series "Cannon." Not only did she meet the jolly big man, but actually appeared as an "extra" in a story titled "The Predator," which was seen in September.

The transformation of Jean - clerk to Jean - TV Star all started very innocently. Jean and her family belong to a travel trailer club called "Fun Travelers". Every year, usually in November, all members get together and plan a two week vacation for the summer. All 14 nights are spent in the trailers as each one is self contained. There are 85 trailers in this club.

The main destination was planned as Chateau Chapparral, Colorado. Everyone stayed one week here. There were planned activities for both day and night. Some of the activities were side trips to the Air Force Academy, Leadville, which is famous for its mile high altitude, and Aspen.

The second week consisted of moving around. The first stop was Ouray where two nights were spent. Next was Silverton - - - now, can you guess what happened? Yes! When they arrived filming was taking place for "Cannon", the TV Series. This was very unexpected. Well, as you have guessed by now, Jean and her husband got to be in the filming. The name of this episode is "The Predator", meaning a person that plunders or kills game and in this particular case it was coyote. During the filming Jean got to talk with Cannon himself and, of course, took pictures and got his autograph.

"We didn't actually have a part in the show," said Jean, "we were used as extras to be a part of a crowd in the background." Jean went on to say that it was all very exciting watching the Hollywood technicians at work filming the show.

"We were given instructions to just mill around in the background, and not to look at the cameras. Our particular scene involved Cannon upon his arrival in Silverton aboard a narrow gauge railroad train."

Jean said that this is the scene where Cannon first arrives on the scene in his search for "the Predator." He walks from the train with the local sheriff and deputy and they get into a gold colored jeep and drive off into the wilderness for their prey.

"It took them all afternoon just to shoot that one scene," said Jean.

Cannon has proven to be a very popular television series, and the unlikely looking star is, himself, quite friendly and open. "You'd think a big TV star like him would be stuck up," said Jean, "but he was really very friendly and down to earth. He gave autographs and posed for pictures and seemed to enjoy it. He was really a very nice guy."

Naturally Jean hated to move on, but on they went to Durango and Mesa Verda. Last on the list was Santa Fe, New Mexico, which is the capitol, and known as Indian Plaza. An interesting note is that almost everyone walks or rides horses into Santa Fe because there are very few automobiles there. Then home for everyone.

Jean recommends a travel trailer club to everyone because as she puts it, "It's good family entertainment."



Jean McClammy gets a hug from big William Conrad, star of the TV series "Cannon." Jean met the star while vacationing in Colorado, and even participated in the show entitled "The Predator."



Cannon (William Conrad) walks with suitcase in hand, toward a jeep with several other actors during the filming of a series in Silverton, Colorado. The action takes place as Cannon is searching for a bad guy hidden somewhere in the area.



Phyllis McClammy, Jean's daughter, and Cannon pose for the camera during a break in the filming schedule. William Conrad first gained popularity as the voice of Matt Dillon on the radio version of "Gunsmoke" in the days prior to television.

Little Black Box Improves Efficiency

There is a distinct possibility that fuel costs for the company will rise from their present level in the future due to the dwindling supplies of natural gas. Therefore it is more important than ever that our generating stations operate at peak efficiency. Jim Wright, an electrical engineer in Power Plant Construction, has developed a device that can monitor, and print out, the operating efficiency of a power plant generating unit, and it can well save the company an estimated \$200,000 the first year.

Mr. Wright has a technical name for the device, Analog Efficiency Computer, but refers to it as "the little black box." Basically, it's an efficiency meter. The device can be attached to the chart recorder at a power plant, and actually prints out a graph on paper that shows the operator the actual unit generation efficiency at a given moment (unit heat rate).

"With the curtailment of natural gas to our Louisiana power plants, we will have had to burn some oil for fuel. The oil will cost us approximately three times the amount we now pay for natural gas. This makes the use of the efficiency meter even more important. We currently estimate that the meter will save us \$200,000 a year," said Mr. Wright.

Heretofore, power plant operators have not had the capability of knowing, continuously via a print-out record, when there was a decline or increase in

generating efficiency. Other devices have been tried with limited success. The innovation which makes Mr. Wright's device unique is the printout on a chart recorder. Two "little black boxes" have been undergoing tests at Lewis Creek Station in Willis, Tex., and the results have been very satisfactory.

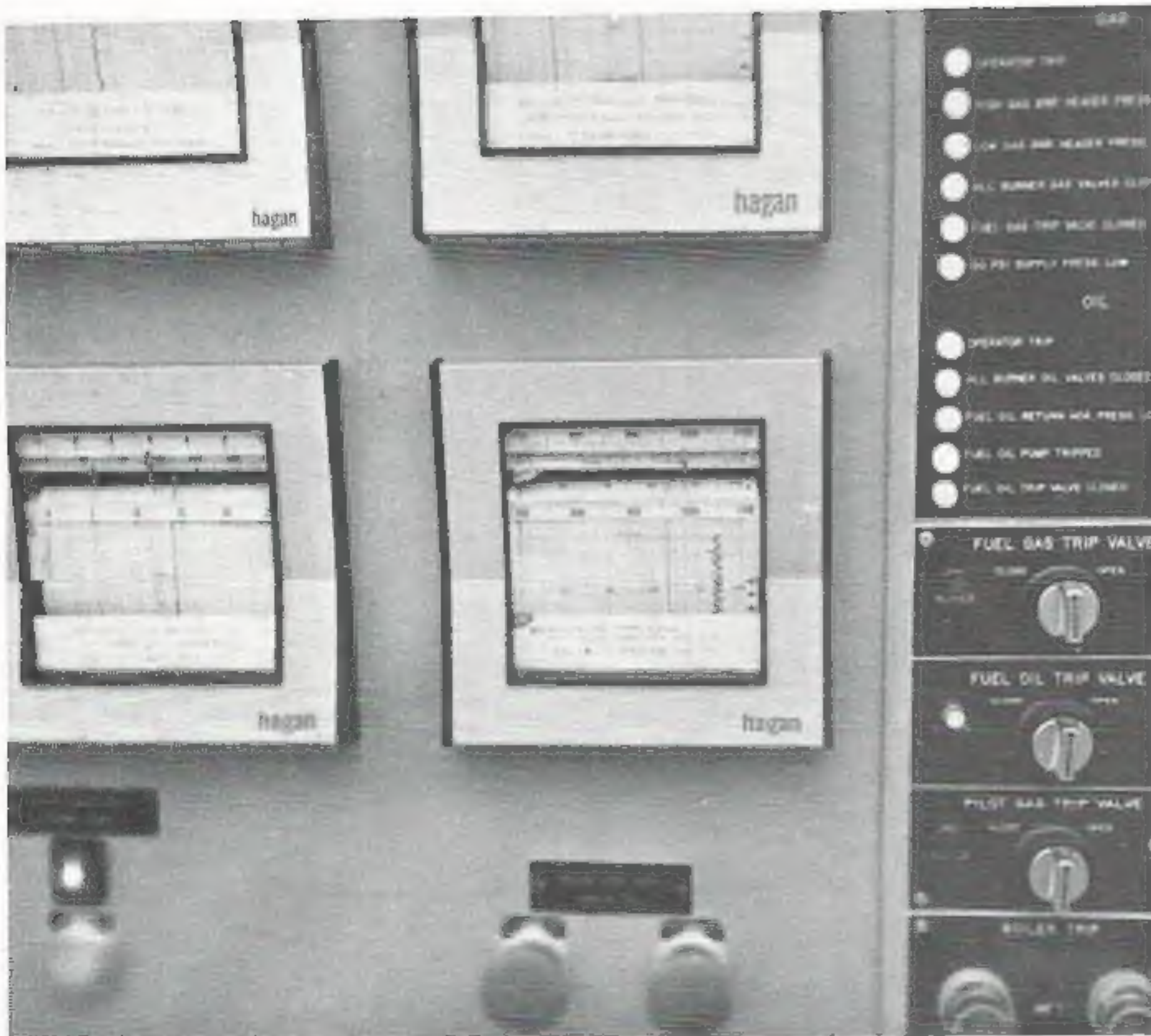
Mr. Wright, a 25-year old graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington, was given the task of devising such a device when he first joined the company in 1971. The challenge involved inventing such a device with (1) maximum accuracy for a minimum dollar investment; (2) independent power system and (3) a high reliability and repeatability. All previous devices now being tried have fallen short in one of these general areas.

It took Mr. Wright six months to come up with his black box. So far the device has checked out successfully in all areas. It was built completely in-house for about \$1,000. Based on this cost, and in fuel cost savings, each device should bring better than a 17-1 ratio of return on the dollar.

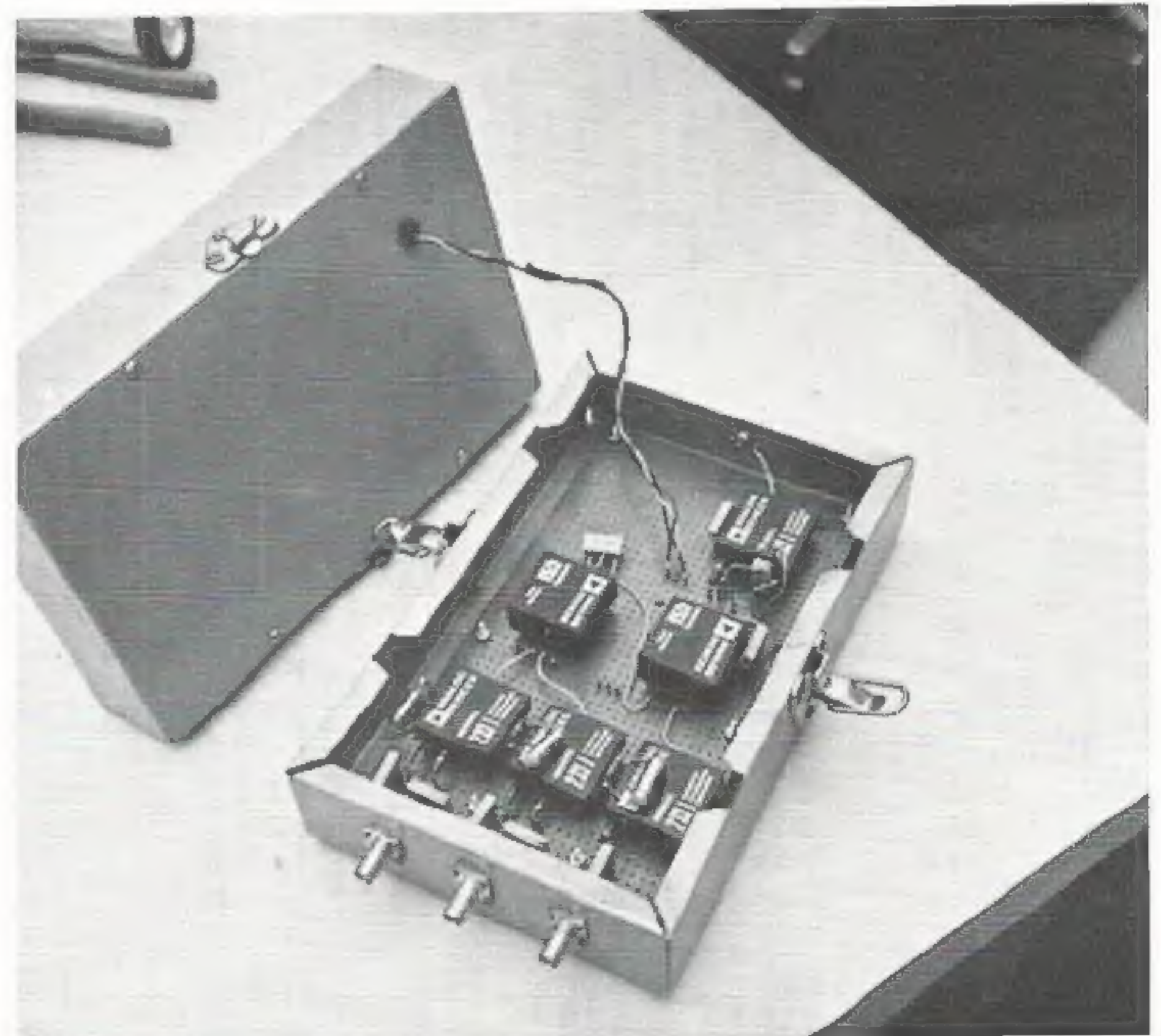
It is anticipated that all our generating units over 100,000 kilowatts will be operating with the little black boxes attached, watching, recording and helping us to generate at peak efficiency. The box seems to have provided us with an answer on gas flow instrumentation, and it has a great potential to positively affect the dollar per kilowatt ratio.



Jim Wright, a 25-year-old graduate of University of Texas-Arlington, worked six months to perfect a device he calls an Analog Efficiency Computer. The device is capable of giving generating unit operators an instant check on the unit's generating efficiency.



A visual record can be read by our power plant operators thanks to the "Little Black Box." By reading the printout, our operators keep a constant watch over the efficiency of a particular unit. Heretofore, operators have not had the capability of keeping an instant efficiency check.



This Analog Efficiency Computer (Little Black Box) has been undergoing tests at Lewis Creek Station, and has proven itself to be a valuable aid in monitoring the generating efficiency of our generating units. This device took Jim Wright six months to build.

GSU NEWS

PORT ARTHUR DIVISION

River Bend Presentation Is Workshop Highlight

Roger Moore, nuclear planning engineer from Beaumont, recently gave a slide presentation for the Port Arthur home economics teachers. The presentation, given at the Driftwood Motor Hotel, concerned the proposed River Bend nuclear power plant to be located near St. Francisville, Louisiana.

In his presentation, Mr. Moore emphasized the importance of meeting the demands for increased electrical energy, and the reasons for turning to nuclear reactors to satisfy those demands.

"Dresden I, a demonstration nuclear plant in the Chicago area, has been in operation for ten years, and has consumed only 2,300 pounds of nuclear fuel," Moore emphasized. "This is an intriguing fact, especially since a conventional power plant would have consumed four million tons of oil in the same ten-year period. This gives an idea of the tremendous improvement in resource conservation that nuclear power makes possible."

Mr. Moore also gave some statistics comparing levels of radioactivity emitted from a nuclear plant as opposed to other sources of radiation in the environment. He stated that "if you camped for one year on the border of a typical operating nuclear power plant, you would receive about five millirems (the measurement of radioactivity) of radiation. That is less than one-third of the increase in radiation a person would receive by moving from a frame home to a brick one, because of the high levels of natural radiation in masonry."

In his summation, Mr. Moore explained that the demand for electrical energy in the Gulf States service area has doubled approximately every decade throughout the industry's history, and this trend is expected to continue for the

next twenty years. The proposed River Bend nuclear power plant is an example of the company's concern for staying ahead of the demand, and at the same time retaining a plentiful reserve of electrical power when the need arises.

(See River Bend Time Schedule next page)



The Port Arthur workshop was highlighted by a slide presentation on nuclear power plants. From left to right are Mrs. Gwen Taylor - home economics teacher, Roger Moore - Beaumont nuclear engineer, J. A. Stelly - sales superintendent and Sue Williams - home service advisor.

Gas Turbines Add Needed Power

Gas turbines, a network of them, are being given the credit for keeping our nation's largest city lighted during the peak load months of summer.

Located strategically in New York City and all its environs, there are more than 100 of these 30,000 horsepower turbines. During the hot summer months these turbines, much like the engines that hang from the wings of jet planes, provide approximately 23 percent of the generated electricity for New York, Brooklyn,

Queens, Flushing and all the suburbs that surround Manhattan Island.

Consolidated Edison first became interested in the turbines following the great blackout of 1965 which plunged New York and much of the East Coast around the city into darkness. The first turbines were installed shortly thereafter as a backup measure.

ConEd gradually added more because of their quick starting ability. The turbines can begin generating electricity

within five minutes, and each unit is now used an average of 85 hours a week.

ConEd was reluctant to install the units at first, but now the system has been credited with keeping the lights on. One of the main reasons for turning to the gas turbine engine is because efforts to open a new power plant up the Hudson River from New York have been blocked by conservationists. The city was then forced to seek other measures. The gas turbines have solved the generation problem, at least temporarily.

TIME SCHEDULE FOR RIVER BEND NUCLEAR PLANT

Action Taken To Date

Company has purchased one nuclear reactor and fuel, with options, for approximately seven years, and a turbine at a cost of \$80 million. (There is an option to purchase a second reactor at a later date at the same price.)

Invitations of bids for reload fuel and uranium for the plant.

Early 1973

Application will be filed with the Atomic Energy Commission for a Construction Permit.

Summer of 1974

Construction Permit should be approved and actual construction of the plant will start. Firm of Stone & Webster has been contracted for architectural, engineering and construction work.

Winter of 1975

Foundation work completed.

Spring of 1977

Receive reactor vessel and turbine.

Spring of 1978

Completion of construction. A twelve month testing program will then be conducted.

Fall of 1979

River Bend starts commercial operation.

(If the option is exercised to purchase the second reactor, commercial operation of the second nuclear power plant will start in the fall of 1981.)

Fishy Solution

Most problems have solutions---some more original than others, it seems. Virginia Electric & Power Company, in solving a problem, has found a way to keep the fish away and improve condenser efficiency at the same time.

The company installed four underwater loudspeakers near the water intakes on their James River plant in Surrey, Va. Through these loudspeakers comes a constant stream of "rock" music supplied by a local radio station. Encouraging results have been noticed---although the fish don't actually hear the music, the rapid frequency changes cause them to steer clear of the intakes. This seems to be similar to the reaction that parents have to their teenagers' stereo...

Three Lamar Professors With Company During Summer

Three professors from Lamar University have spent the past summer working as consultants to the company in the Beaumont office. Their activities have ranged from writing computer programs and solving engineering problems to supervising a videotaped course in nuclear power plants. They are Dr. James L. Cooke, Dr. S. W. McGuire and Dr. Wendell Bean.

Dr. Cooke, a Lamar professor of electrical engineering, is no newcomer to the company; he has been acting as a consultant for several years.

"Throughout any power system such as this," he explained, "there are a number of generators constantly in use. My main purpose in being here is to work out a computer program, a simulation, of the power system. The simulation seeks to anticipate or answer any problems that might arise to cause one or more of these generators to operate out of sync."

Dr. Cooke, in trying to present his job in layman's terms, explained that the generators are finely tuned and must operate together with precise synchronization. When one goes out of sync, you have problems. It's the program's job to then provide a model of the system so that when a generator does malfunction, the answer will be at hand so that appropriate steps can be taken quickly.

Dr. S. W. McGuire, a Lamar University mathematics professor, has worked on several projects in the IDS department. He came to Lamar in 1956 and has been a consultant to the company for the past three years.

His various functions have included the designing and writing of computer programs in the area of Power Systems reliability and load forecasting. "These programs forecast the amount of power demand expected in each geographical area, as well as the probability that gener-

ation will be available to meet the demand," he said. "In determining power demands, we use load history characteristics of the designated area combined with weather-sensitive factors."

(Continued on next page)



Jim Atkins (left), engineering manager - Beaumont, discusses a project with Lamar's Dr. James L. Cooke.



Dr. Wendell Bean supervised a videotaped nuclear power plant program for engineering employees during his term as a consultant.



Dr. S. L. McGuire (left), worked as a consultant in IDS with Dick Smith, supervisor - EDP Technical Development.

Bass Tourney Big Success



Shown are the winners of the Lake Charles Bass Tournament. They are: front row (l to r) -- Gene Mullin, Bob Derby. Back row (l to r) -- Rene DeBlanc, Don Leland, Les Duval, Rufus Mier, Charles Callahan.

Professors, continued

He has programmed the computer to automatically print a graphic diagram showing the results of Power System Flow studies. This program is presently being made available to the industry through the IBM sales force under the direction of VARIBUS Corp., a company subsidiary. Other programs have also been written to show computer results in graphic form.

During the summer, Dr. McGuire and Cole Wright, a Lamar graduate and company mathematician, worked together on a company depreciation computer program. They designed the program to update physical property accounts. Dr. McGuire said that "the average remaining life of each account is estimated, and from this the program calculates the yearly depreciation reserves."

Dr. Wendell Bean, professor and head of the Electrical Engineering Department at Lamar University, has been working with the company as a consultant for an NUS videotaped course for engineering personnel. The course consists of 50 hours of prerecorded tape as well as written material.

The course, which started in March and ends in January, introduces to the engineers the principles of nuclear power plants, covering reactor physics, operation and plant safety.

Dr. Bean, as a consultant, plays the tapes, holds problem sessions, and grades homework and tests that accompany each taped lesson. He has worked with the company for several years, and plans to work as a consultant for another similar course tentatively scheduled for the early part of 1973.

From 1956 to 1961, Dr. Bean attended a doctoral fellowship program at the University of Pittsburgh, and was an engineer with the Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory, being involved with thermal and hydraulic design and analysis of power nuclear reactors. In 1966 he had an article published in an engineering magazine, entitled "In-plant Teaching of Nuclear Reactor Plant Kinetics and Control to Graduate Engineers and Scientists."

The three Lamar University educators are practically Gulf Staters now.

Some thirty-seven Gulf States employees, from Lake Charles Division, and their immediate families participated in a bass fishing tournament Saturday, September 9.

Headquarters for the tournament was located at Gene Mullin's Camp near Pirate's Cove on Toledo Bend Lake. Approximately 150 bass were caught, weighing in at about 180 pounds.

A fish fry, Friday night before the tournament, got things rolling and all were off at the crack of dawn the following morning.

There were a few hard luck stories. Leonard Ernst and Burt Duhon brought a map with all the "hot spots" marked, but it was a map of the wrong lake. Harrison Carlin threw everything at the fish, including his rod and reel. Don Leland hung a big one, but broke his line. However there were no casualties and everyone had a great time.

The winners were as follows:

Largest Bass

6lb. 2oz. Les Duval

Largest Individual String

16 lb. Nolan Mier

Second Largest Individual String

14 lb. 12 oz. Rufus Mier

Third Largest Individual String

11 lb. 15 oz. Bob Derby

Largest Team String

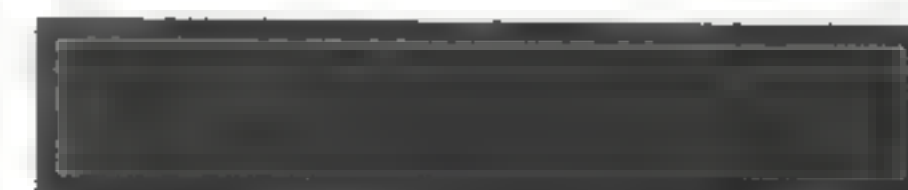
30 lb. 12 oz. Rufus Mier
Nolan Mier

Second Largest Team String

19 lb. 2 oz. Charles Callahan
Don Leland

Third Largest Team String

15 lb. 12 oz. Gene Mullin
Rene DeBlanc



... And From Japan

莫氏已於日前偕同其夫人來華蒞新。莫氏原在美國海灣各州公用事業公司，任職達四十餘年，其最後職務，為該公司之總經理兼副董事長。



美莫召 公蒙任 用台北 事瓦斯 業顧問

【本刊訊】本公司頃承經合會協辦機構——國際企業管理服務團之推薦，由該團甄選美國公用事業權威專家莫召蒙氏，派來本公司擔任顧問，就本公司之供應價格，用戶服務，業務管理等工作，提供諮詢與建議。

有搶修中心人員留駐公司以應災變。A、B區搶修組分別由組長召集組員宣佈現時全、B區搶修組則繼續

三、物料組。
五、管理室及整壓站組。

期能消弭一切因颱風所引起之災害，並維持瓦斯之正常供應。

四、搶修組（分A區及B區兩組）。

六、後備組。

八月十五日氣象局發佈上海上陸風暴報，日帶颱風逐漸威脅修中心亦由指揮官下達戒備之命令，八月十六日下午，指揮官再

護本支管之安全及暢通。六點卅分首先接獲仁愛路用戶之來電告以其室外有濃厚之瓦斯味，即由第二小組長楊副工程師派出第五工作班前往查修。此時風雨尚不太大，但工程車已搖擺不已，故車行不敢過速。到達現場檢查結果，係因瓦斯錶受吹飛之商店招牌所撞毀致，瓦斯外溢。即時先將瓦斯錶旁之安全考克關閉，待第二天風雨稍弱之後，再行更換瓦斯錶。第二件是瓦斯中斷，民生東路有一大片用戶無瓦斯，爭相來電話詢問。經與B區搶修組連絡後，一切供應系統俱正常無異，本公司並無關閉瓦斯。乃派出第六、第七工作班趕赴現場，到達之後，

Thrift Plan

Purchases of Gulf States Utilities Company stock made by the Trustee during September, 1972 covering employee deductions and Company contributions through August, 1972 were as follows:

3,833 shares of Common Stock at a total cost of \$77,609.49 or an average cost per share of \$20.248.

86 shares of \$4.40 Preferred Stock at a total cost of \$5,438.49 or an average cost per share of \$63.238.

The Trustee deposited \$56,114.73 with the Savings Department of the First Security National Bank of Beaumont.

Harold E. Mortimer, retired vice president and assistant to the president, is touring Japan and sent in this newspaper clipping to Jim Turner, director of Advertising & Public Relations. Along with the clipping was a note: "Please pass this on to Jim. This is the Plain Talks of the gas company here. Ask him to check this article to see if it sounds okay to him," Turner replied, "They misspelled 'Halold'."



A retirement party was held August 30 for Edgar L. Bailey, treasurer of the company. Mr. Bailey retired after more than 44 years of service, the last 7 years as treasurer. The party, held on the 20th floor of the Beaumont offices, was attended by a large number of both active and retired employees. Joining Mr. Bailey for the tribute were his wife, Iris and his daughter, Sandra.



Richard Hebert, left, and James Curtis (Baton Rouge Gas Department) are not hunting for uranium, but for possible gas leaks. These two men are testing a new, super-sensitive device designed to smell out any gas leaks hidden under the ground, even under concrete. The machine is being tested in downtown Baton Rouge, and has caused many passers-by to stop and watch.



Gandy G. Hall, power plant superintendent from Beaumont (left), and Aubrey Milton Smith, operating supervisor from Lake Charles (center), are shown with Dr. Francis X. Welch, editor-in-chief of the PUBLIC UTILITIES FORTNIGHTLY and PUBLIC UTILITIES REPORTS, INC. They recently attended the 20th Annual Public Utility Executive Course at Georgia Tech.

Power Lines Up and Over Lake Conroe

In the future, people will be crossing the waters of soon-to-be-completed Lake Conroe by boat; but presently another type of crossing is being made by our T&D employees in the Western Division.

The company's 69 kv line that will traverse Lake Conroe needed to be raised in order to permit proper clearance for tall craft such as sailboats. The problem was solved with the help of the engineering firm of Deevy and Shannon. They designed a galvanized steel substructure to support and raise the wooden H-frame that presently holds the power lines. This innovation also proved to be the most economical solution to the problem.

Ron Rollins, Western Division T&D engineer, explained that this effort is another example of how the Western Division tackles the growth problems that constantly arise. "It is not every day that we have to consider what to do about a line that was originally built over dry land," he said.



Dan Goodman (General Line Foreman - Western Division) watches as the wooden H-frame is being positioned atop the soon-to-be underwater galvanized steel substructure across manmade Lake Conroe, now under construction near our Western Division headquarters.



Mrs. Ronald Foreman of Kountze was the winner of a microwave oven won in a drawing held in the Sabine Area Homebuilders Association Parade of Homes. Mrs. Foreman won the oven, given by the company, by visiting one of the Gold Medallion Homes that were displayed to the public, and registering at one of the homes.

Floyd Smith, president of the company, received a letter from the publisher of Utility Spotlight, a weekly publication, informing him that one of our ads had been chosen as "Ad of the Week." The ad, displayed in the September 7th edition, described experiments and construction of machinery leading toward controlled nuclear fusion. The project is sponsored by our company, along with nine other Texas utility companies.

The Zachary Town Council has requested that the company study the feasibility and cost of underground distribution on Main Street in Zachary. The area under consideration is from La. 19 west to Illinois Central railroad track on Main Street. This request was based on a recommendation from the Zachary Beautification Commission.

Lee Savoy, T&D-Baton Rouge, has undertaken the study at this time and further discussions with Zachary will be based on the study results.



Ray Audilet, System Engineering, spends a lot of his off duty time as president of the Northwest Beaumont Lions Club. Recently, through the efforts of his club, and through the Youth Exchange Program, Ray had the honor of playing host to a visitor from Japan. She is 19-year old Atsuko Suzuki of Tokyo. Atsuko's father is past president of the Akihabara Lions Club of Tokyo. While visiting Beaumont, Atsuko stayed in the homes of Lions Club members.

Deaths



Howard Romero



Ira D. Noble

Howard Romero, substation operator (T&D) in Port Arthur, died September 20 in Park Place Hospital after a three month illness.

A Port Arthur native, Mr. Romero graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School. He served in the Army and Air Force from 1942-49 before being employed by the company in 1951.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jewel Romero of Port Arthur; two daughters, Miss Jacqueline Romero and Miss Jennifer Romero, Port Arthur; one son, Duane Romero of Port Arthur; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alcie Romero, Port Arthur; two brothers, Harry Romero of Port Arthur and Eddie Romero of Houston; two sisters, Mrs. Hilda DeJardo of Memphis, Tenn. and Mrs. Claudette Woodall of Port Arthur.

Ira D. Noble, retired gateman at Louisiana Station in Baton Rouge, died September 4.

Mr. Noble, who retired in 1960 after 20 years of service, was a native of Pride, Louisiana. He began with the company in June, 1940, as a watchman at Louisiana Station. In 1941, he was made a guard at the station.

He was promoted to gateman in 1944, the position held at his retirement.

Golfers Tee Off

Success was the name of the game for the 1st Annual Tournament of Champions held at the 6,596 yard-par 72 Greenwood Golf Course in Baker, La. This was the first time that Baton Rouge has hosted two tournaments in one year.

Forty-seven golfers turned out for the event, including two company retirees, Howard Chaney and J. D. Fleming. There was golfing talent from as far away as Lafayette and Beaumont, and nearly every department in the Baton Rouge Division was represented.

Glenn Stokes, this year's tournament organizer and chairman, expresses his thanks to each person who contributed in making the tournament a success. It provided a means for fellow employees to make new acquaintances and renew old friendships, as well as allowing everyone to have a day of fun. Stokes would also like to take this opportunity to nominate Fred Eubanks as chairman of the 2nd Annual Tournament of Champions.

There was a total of 29 winners this year, and by some odd happening some of the prizes returned with Western Division co-workers. "If we had had judges for the contest, we could have probably blamed that 'odd happening' on them" Stokes said. "But instead, we concede to good talent and maybe a little luck!"

The winners were as follows:

DID YOU KNOW?

.... that the Nuclear Energy Liability Insurance Association and the Mutual Atomic Energy Liability Underwriters have announced premium refunds of nearly 1.2 million dollars to the 324 organizations that insure against nuclear liability. Neither has ever received a claim arising from the operations of a nuclear reactor.

Championship Flight

Mike Shurtleff (Bmt.)	78
Ronnie Hunt	80
Phil LeVert*	83
Luther Risher*(Bmt.)	83

First Flight

Ralph 'Sandbagger' Shirley	82
Aaron Savant	91
Carl Denmark	92
Buddy Nelson	98

Second Flight

John W. Nelson*	98
Robert Campagna*	98
Paul Herrington (Bmt.)	102
Joe S. Guercio	104

Third Flight

D. V. Garon	103
Mike Lester*	110
Van Hereford*	110
Larry King	112

Fourth Flight

Floyd Marston	101
C. E. Starns	110
Kippie Hebert	111
Charles Foss	113

Fifth Flight

Bill Hays	109
Howard Chaney (Ret.)	115
George Cannon	117
Wayne Hiter	120

Ladies Flight

Debbie Harris	107
---------------	-----

Hole-In-One Contest

Hole No. 9	Luther Risher (Bmt.)
Hole No. 13	Glenn Stokes

Death Valley Award (Total Strokes)

Jo Anne Parrish

*Flipped a coin for placement finish.

Magazine Has New Editor

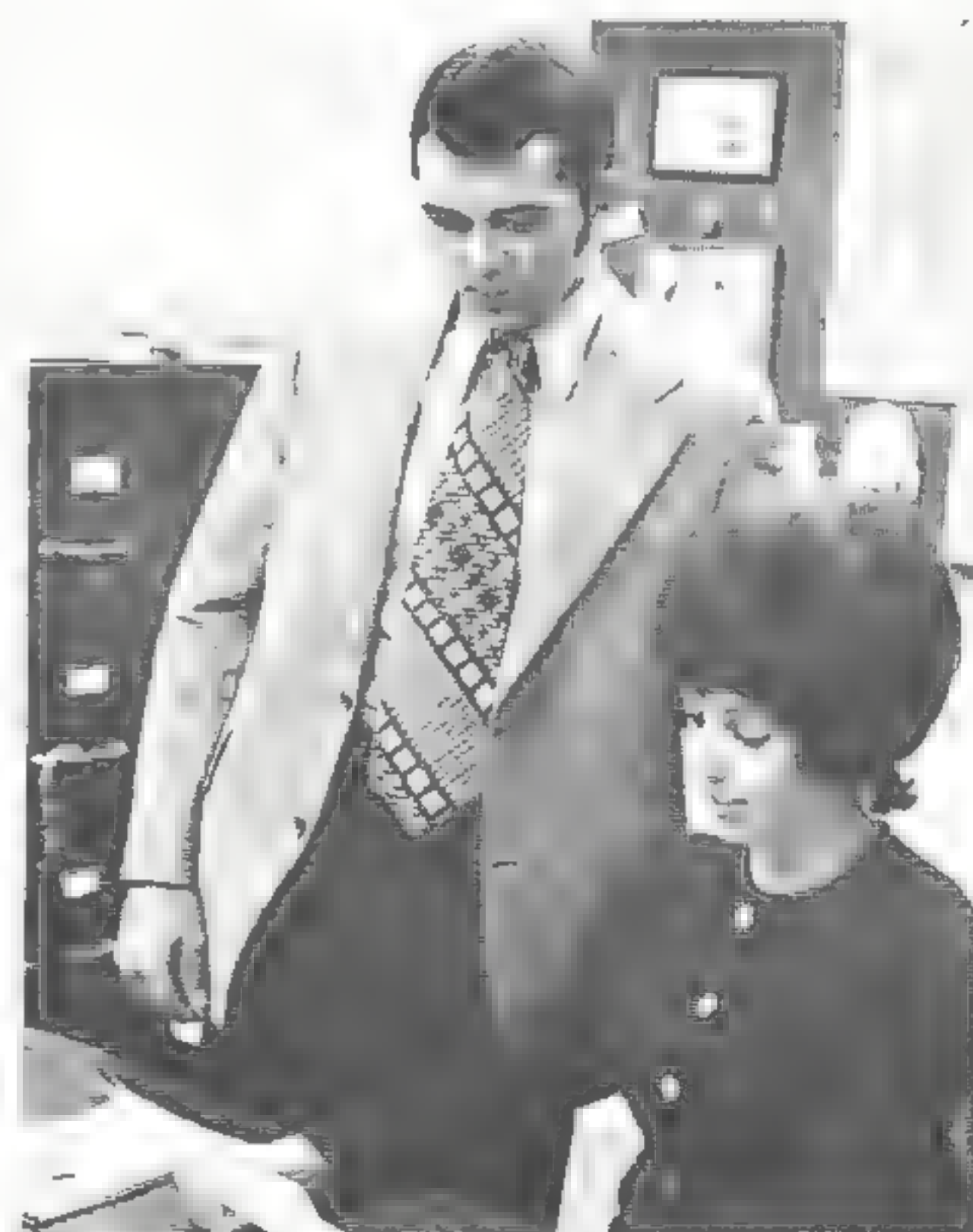
Mike Shurtleff, a native of Greenville, Tex., has joined the Advertising & Public Relations Department, and has assumed the duties of associate editor of PLAIN TALKS, and public relations representative.

Shurtleff replaces Pat McMeel, who has been given broader responsibilities within the department.

Formerly with Sun Oil Company in Beaumont, Shurtleff is a graduate of East Texas State University. He has a B.S. degree in Radio-TV, and is married to the former Carla Rogers of Mt. Pleasant.

An avid golfer, the 23-year old has already made his mark by winning a recent golf tournament held in Baton Rouge. He is a member of the Bayou Din Country Club in Beaumont and along with his wife Carla, also participates in the company bowling league.

The Shurtleffs are members of the First United Methodist Church of Beaumont, where they occasionally teach a Sunday school class.



Mike Shurtleff, new public relations representative and associate editor of PLAIN TALKS, gets help breaking into the job from his secretary Loraine Blackwell.



The Beaumont Division held the 1972 Homemakers' Holiday September 19-20 in the City Auditorium. Both days saw capacity crowds, and two lucky persons were winners of microwave ovens given away as the grand prizes. Besides the appliance demonstrations, there was a style show, as well as entertainment and refreshments for all.

September 14th marked the kick-off of the company's high-flying heating conversion campaign (Sept. 15 - Dec. 15), and it left the ground in fine fashion.

A dinner was held on the 20th floor of the Beaumont office for electric heating dealers and salesmen and their wives. The campaign was explained, two films were shown (including a preview of the television commercials that will run through the end of the campaign), and since the theme of heating conversion deals with "birds," three birdhouses were given away in a drawing. If the success of the dinner was any indication, the campaign should evoke plenty of "wing-flapping" results.



Roy Eyler, Jerry Stokes and Bob Jackson were all smiles as they were honored with a congratulatory party hosted by Corporate & Finance Department in the main office building in Beaumont. All three men were recently promoted. Mr. Eyler was promoted to assistant secretary of the company, Mr. Stokes was named a senior vice president, and Mr. Jackson was named secretary of the company.

The kick-off program for Home and Garden Week, entitled "The Electric Way to a Homemakers' Holiday," was recently held at Louisiana State University. The show's theme was Louisiana foods and festivals, and was attended by over 500 state homemakers. Sponsors for the program were the five investor-owned utility companies in Louisiana. Our personnel were responsible for coordinating the rehearsal, program and stage display.

Insurance Plan Improved



On October 1, substantial improvements were made in our hospitalization-surgical benefits program. All employees and retirees covered under the present plan are affected by the changes. The entire plan, basic and major medical, has been placed under Blue Cross-Blue Shield.

Meetings for employees and retirees were held in October in order to explain the plan and answer questions. The new plan will offer greater benefits, as well as greatly simplified payment of claims. A booklet detailing the plan has been sent to all employees and retirees.

Turned-On Stove

by "THE GIRLS"

The Huntsville district has top servicemen as well as top firefighters, as was recently demonstrated.

Carroll Joe Heaton (District Serviceman-Huntsville) had just ended a full day by completing the last of his turn-on orders when the fire whistle sounded. Being a volunteer fireman, as well as community-minded, he immediately rushed to the scene of the fire. To his surprise, the burning house was one that he had just connected for service.

As it turned out, the new residents had left some boxes on the range, not knowing that the burners were already turned on. When Heaton threw the breakers, the burners came on, igniting the boxes and catching the house on fire.

Thanks to the swift and efficient efforts of Mr. Heaton and the Huntsville Volunteer Fire Department, the house suffered only minimal damage.



Virgil Shaw, manager Electric Operations Baton Rouge, checks out Gonzales District superintendent C. A. Glover, left, on the proper use of a moonshine jug. The occasion came at a celebration party for the Gonzales District in winning the Moonshine Sales Promotion campaign conducted earlier this summer. The Southern District was responsible for the sale of 80 Security Lites, one more than the Western District. In all, some 260 lites were sold during the campaign.

Appliance owners, this will be of interest to you. The U. S. Supreme Court recently struck down all state laws that have permitted creditors to repossess appliances without giving the debtor an advance notice and hearing.

TOLEDO BEN FISHING FACTS

The Truth Is ...

It was observed last summer that the water level at Toledo Bend lake in September was five feet below normal for that time of year. Extreme water consumption for generating electricity by GSU and two other Louisiana electric power companies was cited publically as the reason by a staff member of the Sabine River Authority of La. The three companies were said to have been using much more water than anytime in the past; hence a lower water level that might prove detrimental to duck hunters, fishermen and some camp owners.

Actually, the reason for Toledo Bend's low water level amounts to one simple fact: lack of rain. None of the three electric power companies have received near the kilowatt-hours contemplated by an earlier engineering study. So obviously they are blameless for an act committed by Mother Nature, and her alone.

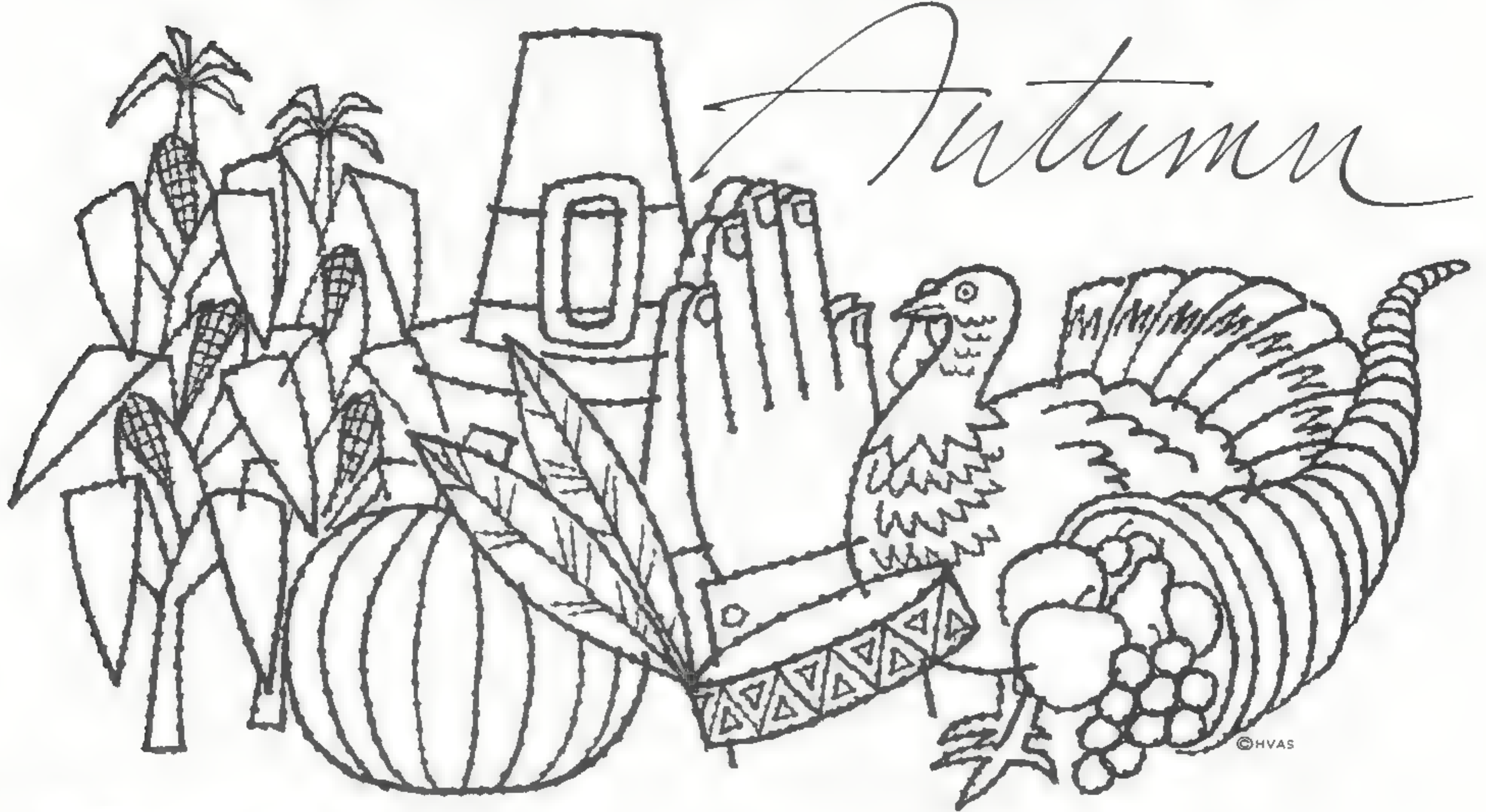
We thought you should know the facts.



Edgar Bailey, just prior to his retirement from the company as treasurer, celebrated his birthday surrounded by a few of the people who really make the company work. Left to right are Sandra Angelle, Wanda Wolfe, Gwen Thompson, Mildred Osborne and Beth Dodge.

Thanksgiving Coloring Page

HERE ARE THREE PICTURES DEPICTING THANKSGIVING SCENES FOR YOUR CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN TO CUT OUT AND COLOR.



Retirements



Feltus B. Stirling

Feltus B. Stirling, right-of-way agent - Baton Rouge, retired recently after more than 40 years service to the company.

Mr. Stirling, a Wakefield, Louisiana native, started with the company in 1931 as a substation operator, then advanced to engineer. In 1949 he progressed to the position of right-of-way agent, the title he held at his retirement. All of his time was spent in Baton Rouge.

He is married to the former Alma Jolley of Baton Rouge, and they have two children, Feltus B. Stirling, Jr. and Mrs. Robert K. Holkan. The Stirlings also have six grandchildren.

Mr. Stirling made practice and game movies in his spare time for the LSU Football Office and high schools, and he plans to continue this as well as traveling during his retirement.



Price Bradshaw

Price Bradshaw, Production test supervisor - Beaumont, retired from the company November 1 after 42 years.

Mr. Bradshaw began with GSU in 1930 as an assistant test engineer, then was promoted to chemist in 1932. He became a test engineer in 1944, and was promoted to test supervisor in 1967. All of his time was spent in Beaumont.

The Beaumont native received a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from Texas A&M University. He is married to the former Tillie Ojeman of Houston, and they have two children.

Mr. Bradshaw is a member of the A&M Club, and attends St. John's Lutheran Church.



Weldon Green

Weldon Green, T&D - Navasota, retired September 1 after spending over 29 years with the company.

Mr. Green joined the company in 1943 as a laborer, then attained the position of car washer. All of his time was spent in Navasota.

The Columbus, Texas native is a member of the Truevine Baptist Church in Navasota. He plans to spend his retirement taking life easy and doing some fishing.



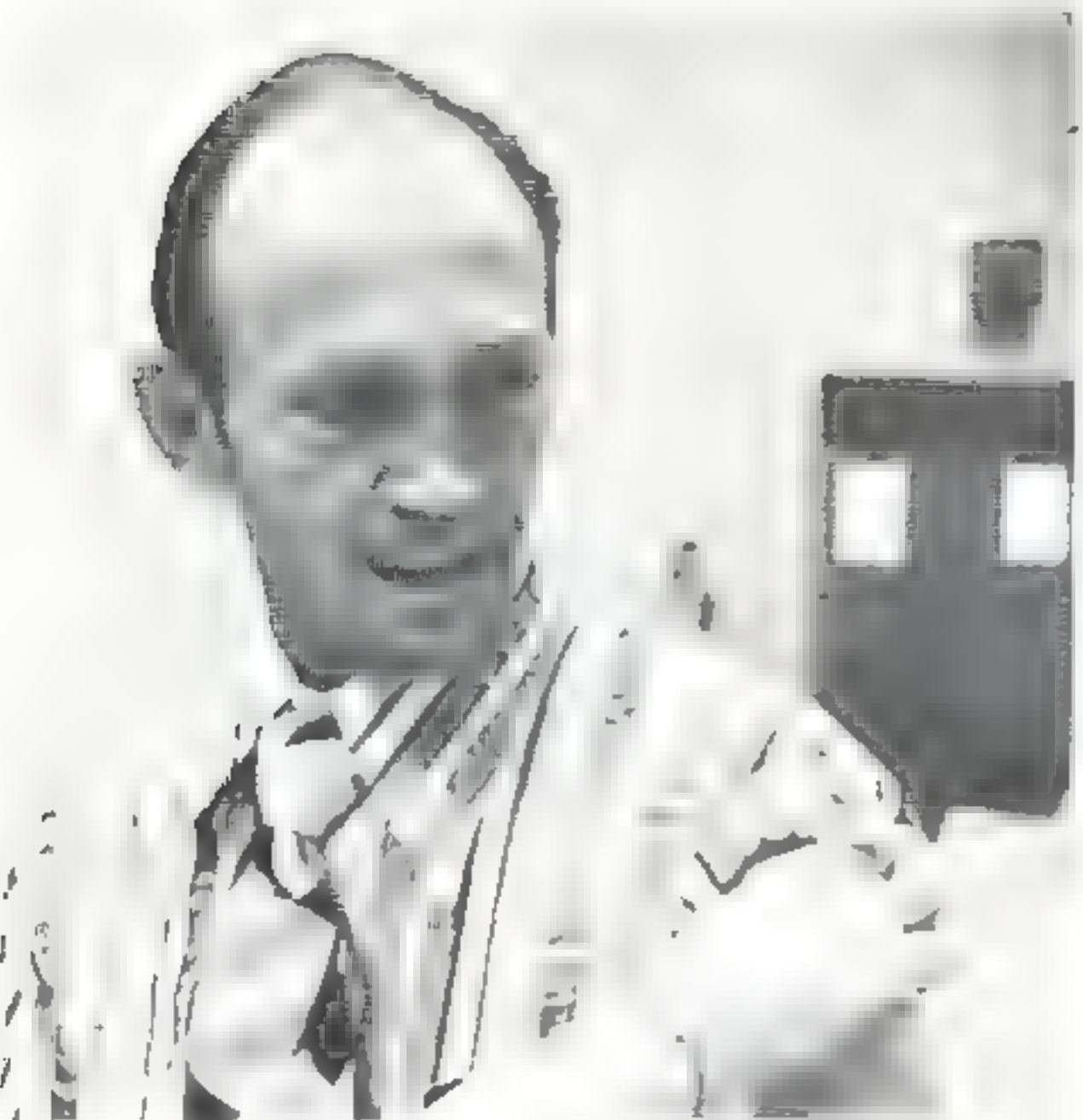
Hey . . . that thing has a sharp point.



I'm smiling, but that's not what I'm thinking.



You call this a miracle of modern medicine?



Maybe if I just took two aspirin . . .

Shoo, Flu!

Aw

Not Again!



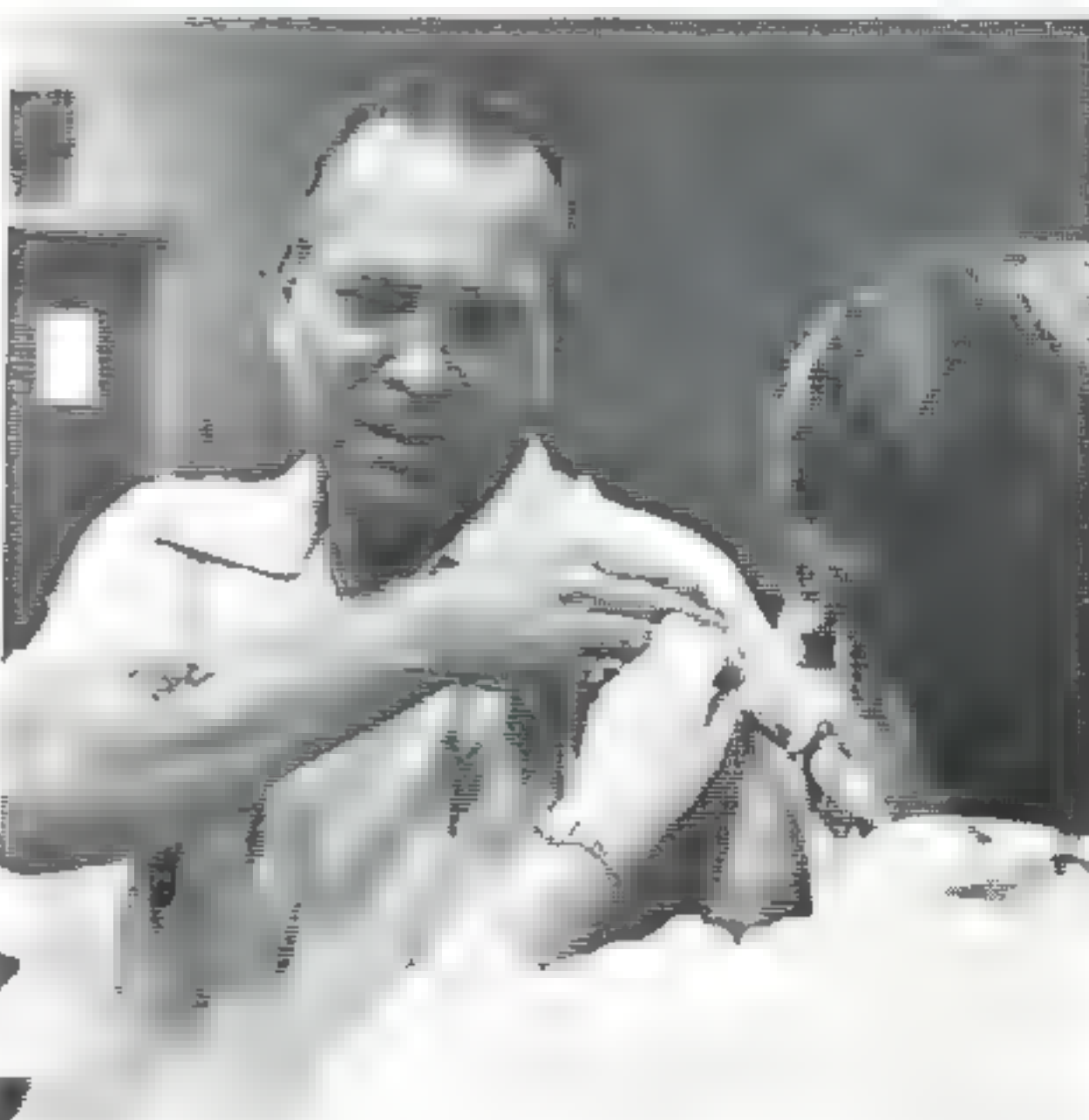
If I grit my teeth, maybe it'll go away.



Of course (gulp) shots don't hurt.



I thought you said it wouldn't hurt.



I was wondering . . . does this rate a Purple Heart?

People On The Move

John W. Newton, relayman, has been promoted to relay foreman in the T&D Relay Department in Beaumont.

A Beaumont native, Newton has been with the company since 1967 when he was hired as a helper. He progressed through various relay department jobs.

Newton is married to the former Jo Ann Barlow of Fannett, and they have two children, J. W. and Angela.

A graduate of Beaumont High School, Newton has extended his education with night courses in Industrial Electronics at Lamar University, attended a semi-conductor short course at Texas A&M, and has taken home study courses in electronic communications.

The Newtons belong to St. Pius X Catholic Church.



John Newton

Thomas W. Reeves, engineer in Design Engineering-Construction Beaumont, has been transferred to the Standards-Design Section.

Reeves, a graduate of Louisiana State University with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering, has been with the company since June of 1963. He left the company later in the year to serve two years with the army, then returned as an engineer in the T&D Department. He was transferred to System Engineering in 1970.

Reeves is married to the former Lynda Chisum of Sour Lake, and they have three children, Lynda Lee, Scott and Carmel.

Active in civic work, Reeves is a member of the Beaumont Council for Retarded Children and the Texas and National ARC.

The Reeves are members of the Forest Park Methodist Church.



Thomas Reeves

Charles L. Byars, engineer in Lake Charles T&D, has been transferred to the Design Engineering-Construction Section of the System Engineering Department in Beaumont.

Byars has been with the company one year. He is a native of New Orleans and has a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from Louisiana Tech. He is a four year veteran of the air force.

Married to the former Elizabeth Shepard of Tampa, Fla., the Byars have two children, John Michael and Paul Wesley.

Byars is active in scouting and serves as an assistant advisor for Explorer troop.



Charles Byars

Milton R. Graugnard, engineer at Willow Glen Station in Baton Rouge, has been transferred to Power Plant Construction Department in Beaumont.

Graugnard, a native of Galveston, Tex., is a 1970 graduate of Lamar University with a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering. He was employed in June of 1970 in System Production, and transferred a year later to Willow Glen.

Graugnard and his wife, Donna, are members of St. Ann's Catholic Church.



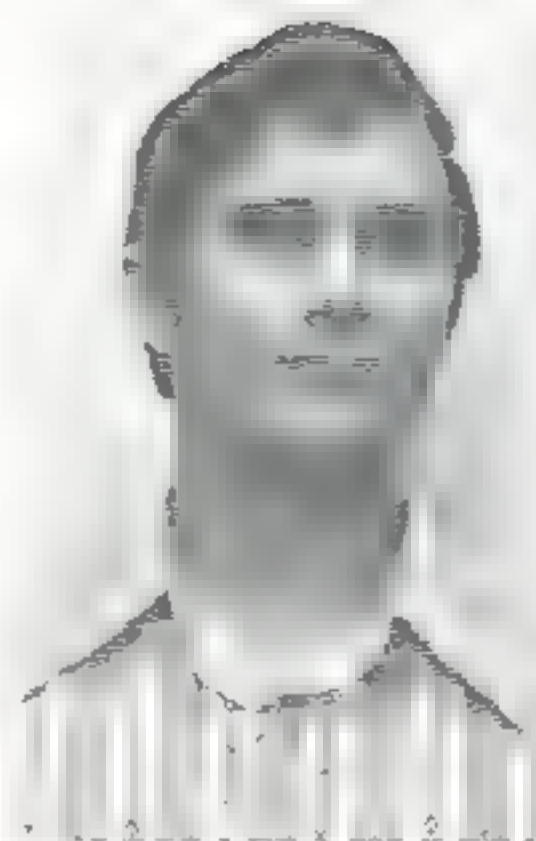
Milton Graugnard

Thomas D. Jester, engineer, Technical Services, System Engineering Design, has been transferred to the T&D Engineering Department in Lake Charles.

Jester has been with the company since June of 1970 when he was employed as an engineer in the System Engineering Design-Relay Design & Coordination in Beaumont. He is a two year veteran of the army.

Jester is an active member of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers, and is a member of the Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers.

He is a 1970 graduate of Lamar University with a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering.



Thomas Jester

James C. Wright, engineer, Beaumont, has been transferred from the System Production to the Power Plant Construction Department.

A native of Arlington, Tex., Wright joined the company in 1971 following his graduation from the University of Texas with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering. He is married to the former Linda Blaha of West Texas.

Wright is active in the Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers, the Experimental Aircraft Association and the Hammerhead Scuba Divers club.



James Wright

Kenneth R. Sandberg, engineer System Production Department in Beaumont, has been transferred to the Power Plant Construction Department.

Sandberg, a native of Austin, joined the company in June of 1971.

He is a graduate of the University of Texas with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. He is married to the former Janice Simpson of Austin, and they are members of the Woodland Baptist Church.

Sandberg is a member of the Texas Society of Professional Engineer, and is an active member of the "world's largest alumni band," the UT band.



Kenneth Sandberg

Buster J. DuBose, formerly a lineman in Cleveland, has been promoted to utility foreman and transferred to New Caney.

DuBose, a native of Crowley, La., has been at Cleveland since January of this year, and has also served in Somerville and Navasota. He first joined the company in 1960 in the T&D Department, and progressed through various line classifications.

He is a graduate of Crowley High School and the Southwest Louisiana Vocational-Technical School. He is married to the former Ruth Broussard of Crowley, and the couple has two girls, Debra Kay and Deloris Darlene.

DuBose is an active Master Mason in the Masonic Lodge Targinton Praire No. 1198 in Cleveland, and a member of Eastern Star Lodge No. 309 in Navasota.

Joe K. Nettles, lineman, in Huntsville, has been promoted to Utility Foreman, T&D Line Department.

Nettles, a native of Huntsville, has been with the company since March of 1964. He has advanced through various line department classifications.

Nettles is a veteran of the U. S. Navy, and a 1961 graduate of Huntsville High School. He is married to the former Barbara J. Hunter of Huntsville, and the couple has two boys, Robert, 10, and Michael, 4 years old.

The Nettles attend the Presbyterian church at Huntsville.

SERVICE AWARDS

FORTY YEARS



Albert Buller
Distribution
Lake Charles

THIRTY YEARS



Annie J. Hebert
Distribution
Port Arthur

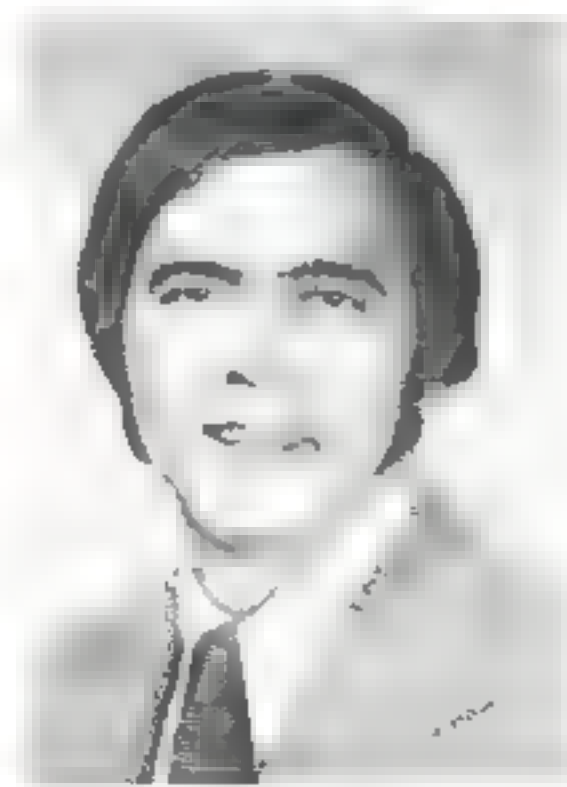


Gail W. Richardson
Production
Baton Rouge

TEN YEARS



Carl R. Bradley
Distribution
Lake Charles



William R. Bryant
System Engineering
Beaumont



Austin Gothe
I.D.S.
Beaumont



Ernest Hatcher
Production
Beaumont



Calvin J. Hebert
Distribution
Conroe

TWENTY YEARS



William Barrow
Production
Baton Rouge



Edaleen Bean
Treasury
Beaumont



Kenneth Bridgers
Production
Bridge City



Billy H. Burke
Sales
New Caney



Don R. Clawson
System Engineering
Beaumont



Howard W. Gale
System Engineering
Beaumont



H. L. Harrison
Production
Baton Rouge



J. W. Jackson
Distribution
Cleveland



Roy M. Jordan
Distribution
Conroe



Philip E. Kriner
Production
Conroe



Thomas McCroskey, Jr.
Distribution
Lake Charles



Lawrence Menard
Treasury
Lake Charles



John A. Prejean
Distribution
Gonzales



Grady Smith
Treasury
Beaumont



Nathaniel Stephens
Distribution
Beaumont



Thomas C. Thigpen
Production
Baton Rouge



Donald L. Tingen
Distribution
Beaumont



Percy J. Vincent
Distribution
Silsbee



Ben R. Williams
Production
Baton Rouge



Jason Dupree is shown enjoying a ride on the merry-go-round at Houston's Astroworld. He is the 2-year old son of Laura and Glenn Dupree. Laura is a clerk in Customer Relations in Baton Rouge, and Glenn is in LSU Law School. (from Opal Temple)



REPORTERS

If you have any news for "Plain Talks," simply send the information to one of the following local reporters. They will be happy to assist you in getting the material to the editor.

BATON ROUGE: Margie Force (T&D), Fay Hebert (T&D), T. Boone Chaney (T&D), Melanie Hima (T&D), Charles L. Miller (T&D), Jack Gautreaux (T&D), James W. Bello (T&D), Beverly Huli (Gas), Opal Temple (Acct.), Robert Graves (T&D), Susan Wilks, Kelton Whitehead.

BEAUMONT: Bill Toups (S.C.), Barbara Lindsey, Carolyn Motl (T&D), Ann Ogden, Edy Waltmon, Linda Marks.

CALVERT: Janis E. Wilganowski.

CLEVELAND: Pat Jones, Edd Mitchell.

CONROE: Frances Elliot.

DENHAM SPRINGS: Lenelle Juban.

GONZALES: Billy Fortenberry.

HUNTSVILLE: Dewey Allbritton.

JENNINGS: Earl Mayfield.

LAFAYETTE: Bobbie Denais.

LAKE CHARLES: Johnnie Harris (T&D), Janel Falloway.

LA. STATION: Leslie Jeansonne.

LEWIS CREEK: James Veatch.

MADISONVILLE: Wanda H. Tinsley.

NAVASOTA: Betty Dickschat.

NECHES STATION: Gene Russell, Hazel Higginbotham.

NELSON STATION: Martha Caldwell.

ORANGE: Davie Carpenter.

PORT ALLEN: Adele Vavasseur.

PORT ARTHUR: Sue Williams, Lorraine Dunham (S.C.)

SABINE STATION: Kathleen Fuller.

SILSBEE: Maxie Bell.

SULPHUR: Pearl Darbonne.

WILLOW GLEN: Dora Landaiche.

WOODVILLE: Alene Waggoner.

ZACHARY: Myra Kirby.

(Editor's Note: If any of the above reporters are no longer reporting or with the company, we would appreciate knowing about it. This holds true also if any reporter's name has been omitted.)



Have you ever found a cougar resting in your back yard? Actually, this fine looking specimen was stuffed by George Griggs, a second fireman from Baton Rouge. Taxidermy keeps Mr. Griggs busy in his spare time. (from Leslie Jeansonne)

Mrs. Elaine Couvillion Hughes, wife of Richard Hughes (T&D-Baton Rouge), recently received her master of education degree from LSU. To make a fine achievement even more impressive, Mrs. Hughes graduated with a perfect 4.0 average, the same average attained when she received her bachelor's degree in 1969. (from Opal Temple)



This new arrival is Richard Christopher Welch, the first grandchild for B. B. Jackson, a Beaumont senior engineering assistant. Richard was born on August 4, and weighed 6 pounds 4 ounces. (from Linda McSwain)



Pat McMeel (public relations representative - Beaumont) smiles "somewhat nervously" while accepting a wedding gift from fellow employees. He and his bride Barbara were married on August 31 in New Jersey. His comment after two weeks of matrimony was "not bad, not bad at all!" (from the Editor)



Weldon L. Dube, control operations foreman from Conroe, shows some of his civic duty as he mows the lawn at the St. Marks Lutheran Church. Mr. Dube makes this contribution to the church in his spare time. (from James Veatch)



Henry Joyner, former advertising representative for the Baton Rouge Division is shown opening his farewell gift. Henry and his family are moving to Shreveport, where he will be employed in an advertising agency. (from Jo Anne Parish)

Tommy Lynn Ivey, substation helper in Baton Rouge, has been seen giving out cigars to his friends. The reason? Tommy is now the proud papa of a son. The baby, Jason Wayne, was born on August 4. (from Melanie Hima)

It seemed that a man had lost a valuable possession, but the situation was corrected in "no time flat." Leslie B. Kent, a superintendent from Port Allen, had attended an evening meeting at the West Baton Rouge Parish Community Center. Upon his arrival at home following the meeting, he discovered that his 30 year company award tie tac was missing. Mr. Kent had people searching for the missing memento the next morning, but to no avail. Finally, at 1:00 p.m. that same day, Lloyd J. Ourso (Serviceman - Port Allen) presented Mr. Kent with the object of the search. It seems that Mr. Ourso's son, Gary, had been riding his bicycle at the Community Center the same night the tie tac was lost. The bike came down with a flat tire the next morning, and while fixing the flat, the tie tac was found embedded in the tire. (from Del Vavasseur)



Robert Roberson (Drafting - Beaumont) and his wife Darlene (Corporate & Finance - Beaumont) parked their car and trailer across from the Beaumont office one Friday afternoon. Their plans were to leave on a vacation to Florida right after work. However . . . some fellow employees decided that the trailer needed decorating for the trip, as the pictures indicate. (from The Editor)



It used to be that Roy Burke (newly retired from Louisiana Station) had only one grandchild, Adiane Alisa Brown (above). Recently however, two more grandchildren came on the scene with the birth of these twins (below) Leroy, left, and Janice. (from Roy Burke)



Alma and Feltus Stirling vacationed in Bakersfield, San Diego, and Thousand Oaks, Calif. While in Thousand Oaks, they were guest of their son and daughter-in-law, the Feltus Stirling, Jr. and their four children. Mr. Stirling is with Right-of-Way Dept. in Baton Rouge. (from Opal Temple)

Ann Bergeron, departmental clerk in the Baton Rouge Meter Department, has a new name now. On Aug. 26 she was married to Mark Charleville. The wedding took place at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Port Allen. Mark will enter LSU in the fall to study advertising design. (from Melanie Hima)



Bruce Rabalis (Gas Dept.- Baton Rouge) and Nancy Lemoine smile for the camera following their wedding recently. The couple said their vows in their home town of Plaquemine, La. They plan to make their home in Baton Rouge. (from Henry Joyner)

William A. Lee, II, T&D Engineer in Baton Rouge, recently passed his Federal Communications Commission examinations for his Amateur Advanced Class license.

According to Lee, this will allow him to operate in all amateur bands, and talk with other amateurs in the U.S. and overseas. During such disasters as hurricanes he will be able to handle emergency communications as well. (from Fay Hebert)



Jason Ryan Wilson, one-year-old son of Rusty and Sandy Wilson, poses for his official portrait. Young Jason was born on July 22 of 1971. His dad is building equipment operator, and his mother is a former employee of the Sales Department in Beaumont. (from Dorothy Nowell)



C. J. Soileau, Sr. proudly holds his first grandchild. Jodi Ann, born March 6. C. J. is a 2nd class garage mechanic in the Baton Rouge Division. Jodi Ann is the daughter of Marsha and C. J. Soileau, Jr. (from Melanie Hima)



Eddie Bourgeois, senior engineering assistant in Baton Rouge, presents a check to Delton Ray Lucas, an eighth grade student at Baker Junior High School. Delton placed second in national competition in a safety poster contest sponsored by the United Commercial Travelers. (from Leslie Jeansonne)



Several retired and former employees were on hand to extend best wishes to Mr. Ed Picou (Credit & Collections - Baton Rouge), on his retirement day. Pictured from left to right are: Lillian Fabre, Mrs. Arthur Babin, Althea Oden, Arthur Babin, Vivian (Cookie) Hays and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Picou. (from Opal Temple)



Debbie Hendry and Ronnie Landry exchanged nuptial vows at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Baton Rouge this June. The June Bride is a clerk in Customer Accounting. Congratulations. (from Opal Temple)



This cute little package is Jennifer Joles Dobbs, one-year-old daughter of Joe Dobbs, System Treasury in Beaumont. Jennifer celebrated her first birthday on July 30. (from Flo Wilson)

Linda Norton, a Beaumont clerk in the Payroll Department for almost two years, was recently honored at a going away party. She and her husband Robert are awaiting the stork, who will soon deliver their first child to their doorstep. (from Linda Marks)

A farewell gathering was held for Wally Cooper, an administrative accountant in the Plant Accounting Department, Beaumont System Treasury. Mr. Cooper and his wife Jane have moved to Houston, where he is now associated with a CPA firm. (from Linda Marks)



Wilson Bryant, Building Services in Beaumont, had plenty of help in eating his birthday cake recently. He made the mistake of trying to eat his cake in the main office coffee shop, and spent most of the time cutting the cake and giving it away to friends. (from The Editor)



Pictured are the South Lake Charles Little League Minor League Champs. The team was coached to victory by Nig Laughlin, Lake Charles right of way man. The team consisted of 10-12 year old boys, with only three members being 12 years old. They boasted a fine record of 15 wins and 2 losses in capturing the championship. (from Johnnie Harris)



This is James Norel Martin, a recent addition to the Chris and Jimmy Martin household. Chris is a clerk in Baton Rouge's Customer Accounts and Jimmy is a student at LSU. (from Opal Temple)



Richelle Smith, 13 year old daughter of R. P. "Dick" Smith (superintendent - Denham Springs), has good reason to be smiling as she poses with her two trophies. She pitched her softball team to victory in a recent White Castle tournament, and was also selected "Player of the Tournament." (from Lenelle Juban)



Jack Shirey, second from left, and Charles Boring of Navasota, second from right, display part of the haul they made while fishing near Galveston. Fishing with relatives from Missouri, this group brought in some 438 pounds of the Channel Bass. From left to right are Herman Piepenbrock, Houston, Shirey, Martin Piepenbrock of Jackson, Mo., Charles, and Martin Boring. (from Frances Engelbrecht)



David Adam Madden recently celebrated his first birthday at his home in Conroe. His father is Larry C. Madden, an equipment operator at Lewis Creek Station. The party was attended by his sisters Shari and Stephanie and David's friends. (from James Veatch)



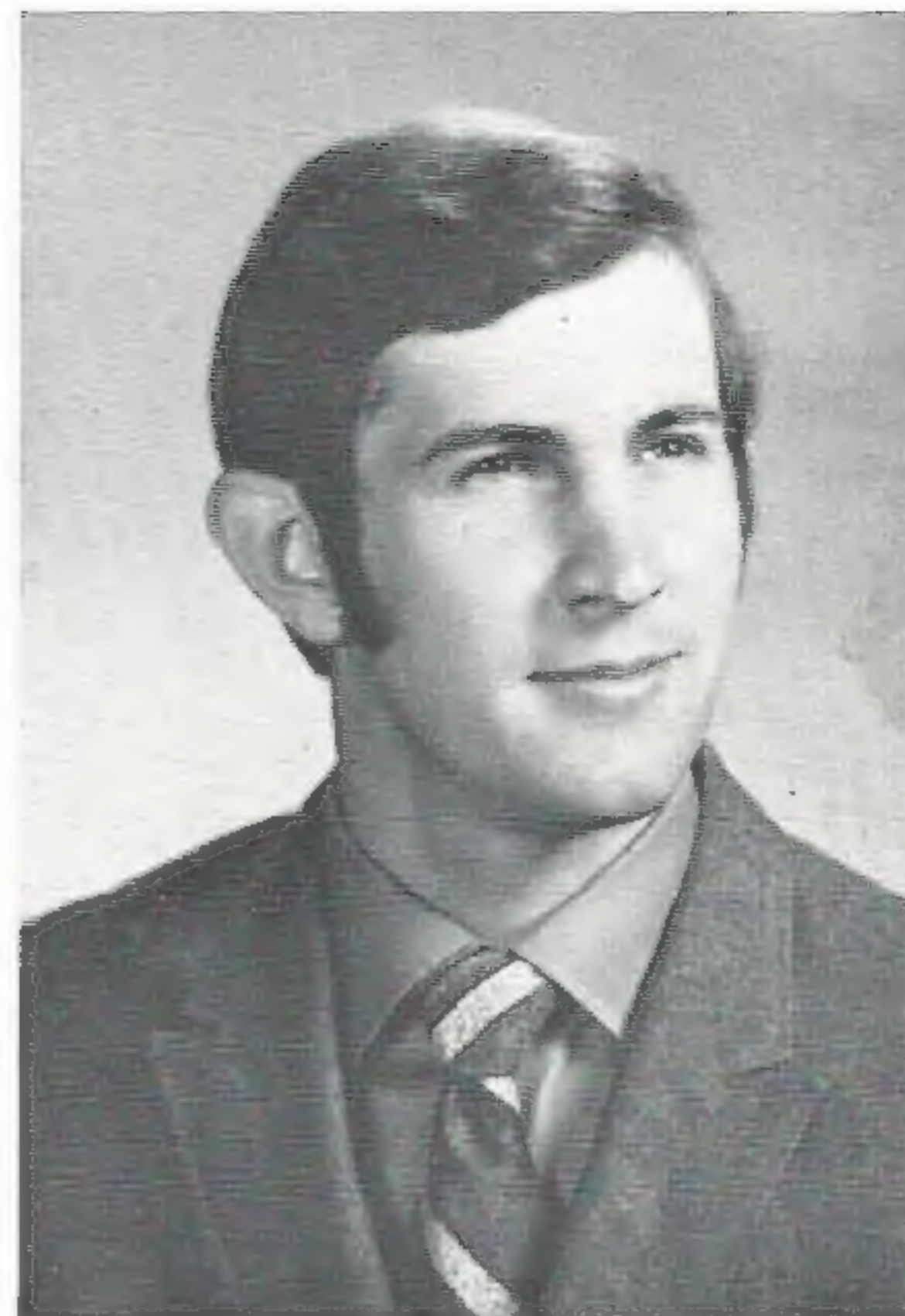
Dal Vavasseur (right) is shown presenting an August 12th birthday cake to Louis C. Christian, a district superintendent in Baton Rouge. Since Mr. Christian always teases his employees about their age, they told him he was fifteen going on twenty-one, as the candles on the cake signify. (from Del Vavasseur)

Clayton P. Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton J. Gray, was recently invested as an Eagle Scout in ceremonies at the Court of Honor conducted by Troop 86, Boy Scouts of America in Westlake, La. He earned 25 merit badges, four more than are required for Eagle. Clayton's father is a lineman 1st class in the Lake Charles Line Department. (from Johnnie Harris)



Lester Saucier, Beaumont Division Sales, and his 1½-year old son, Erron, look over a jackfish that Lester caught while fishing with Hugh Melton and Rusty Wilson off the Texas Gulf Coast. The fish has similar statistics as young Erron. Erron weighs in a 35-pounds, so does the fish, and the fish has the edge in height. Lester reported that everybody had great luck as they caught Kings and Spanish Mackrels, as well as Red Snapper and other varieties. (from The Editor)

Several years ago our safety department issued safe working awards to all employees. One of the gifts available was a Shakespeare fishing reel. Arden Knobbe (T&D - Baton Rouge), known throughout the south as the "friendly dispatcher," teamed this reel with a rod he found discarded on the street, and set out bass fishing for the first time. His first catch — a 5½ pound bass. (from Melanie Hima)



Jerome C. Valenta, Jr., son of Jerome C. Valenta (storekeeper-Neches Station), spent part of his summer vacation working at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont. He was participating in a new program that offers medical students a chance to participate in the day-to-day operations of a hospital. Jerry is a junior at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. (from Hazel Higginbotham)



Roy F. Franques of the Lake Charles Service Center celebrated his 35th year with the company on August 9. Franques was pleasantly surprised by his wife and son sending him the cake on this special occasion. (from Johnnie Harris)



**Welcome
Aboard!**

SYSTEM DEPARTMENTS

Information & Data Services

Adkins, Sharon S., Beaumont, Dept Clerk (Records)
Bouse, Debbie A., Beaumont, Dept Clerk (Dupl)

System Engineering

Pate, Joseph D., Beaumont, Engr Helper - Engr Plann (Plann)

System Treasury

Lee, Carolyn H., Beaumont, Clerk - Gen Acctg (Payroll)
Mitchell, Janice L., Beaumont, Clerk - Gen Acctg (Payroll)
Eakes, Drusilla, Beaumont, Clerk - Gen Acctg (Accts Payable)

BEAUMONT DIVISION

Distribution

Stanley, Stephen T., Beaumont, Dept Clerk - T&D (S/Sta)

Treasury

Domingue, Judy D., Beaumont, Meter Reader
Pool, Patsy G., Beaumont, Clerk - Cust Acctgg
LaComb, Kathy L., Orange, Clerk - Cust Acctg

WESTERN DIVISION

Distribution

Wyatt, Joe E., Conroe, Helper-T&D Dept (Line)
Shelton, Billy E., Conroe, Engr Helper - T&D (Eng)
Cejka, Robert G., Huntsville, Helper-T&D Dept (Line)

Treasury

Wood, Giles B., Cleveland, Meter Reader
Hayden, Glen C., Cleveland, Meter Reader

BATON ROUGE DIVISION

Production

Production

Dangerfield, Celly, Baton Rouge, Equipment Operator -
W/Glenn Sta
Fontenot, Rovelina P., Baton Rouge, Equipment Operator -
W/Glen Sta
Cash, Huey T., Jr., Baton Rouge, Equipment Operator -
W/Glen Sta

Treasury

Taylor, Paul E., Baton Rouge, Meter Reader
Milliken, Louis M., Zachary, Meter Reader

LAKE CHARLES DIVISION

Distribution

Thibodeaux, Melton, Lake Charles, Laborer I - T&D (Garage)
Moore, Virgil R., Lake Charles, Laborer I - T&D (Line)

Division Sales

Dowies, Robert W., Lake Charles, Residential Sales Repr

Treasury

Dekerlegand, Lloyd J. Jr., Lafayette, Meter Reader

PART-TIME AND/OR TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES

Smith Ellen A., Beaumont, Dept Clerk - I&DS (Recds)
Sanchez, Diane E., Beaumont, Dept Clerk - I&DS (Recds)
Bryie, Sharon A., Beaumont, Dept Clerk - I&DS (Recds)
Antwine, Carolyn, Beaumont, Dept Clerk - I&DS (Dupl)
Nowell, Holley J., Beaumont, Dept Clerk - Eng Des
(DEC-Drftg)
Sharlow, Brenda E., Beaumont, Dept Clerk - Eng Des
(DEC-Drftg)
Smallwood, Dawn A., Beaumont, Personnel Dept Clerk
Guidry, Janice M., Port Arthur, Clerk - Cust Acctg
Phelps, Lisa P., Baton Rouge, Clerk - Cr & Col
Lefaux, Linda G., Baton Rouge, Clerk - Cust Acctg

MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

Shurtleff, Michael J., Beaumont, Public Rela Repr - Sys Sales
(Adv & Pub Rela)
Klement, Lynn J., Beaumont Student Engr - Sys Prod
Welch, Thomas M., Baton Rouge, Engineer - T&D (Engr)

KATHLEEN'S KITCHEN



Kathleen Peters, Home Service Advisor from Port Arthur, is this month's featured cook. Kathleen is a native of Atlanta, Georgia, and has a Home Economics degree from Auburn University. Her husband is Steve Peters, a mechanical engineer for Texaco, Inc. in Port Neches. Kathleen is a member of the Home Economists in Business (housing, furnishing and equipment chairman) and Sabine Area Home Economists (secretary). The Peters have recently moved into a Gold Medallion Home in Nederland, and Kathleen looks forward to serving her recipes and showing the new home to guests. Her recipe for Pork Chops Hawaiian is a great way to dress up pork chops.

MARINATED CABBAGE SLAW

- 1 - medium cabbage
- 1 small onion
- 1 bell pepper
- 3 or 4 carrots
- One 4 oz. jar pimento
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup honey
- 1 cup vinegar
- 2/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 Tbsp. salt
- 1 Tbsp. celery seed
- 1 tsp. pepper

Cut vegetables into one-inch chunks and place in blender container. Add water to cover, chop, and drain. Place remaining ingredients in saucepan and bring to a boil. Pour over chopped vegetables and marinate in refrigerator for at least 4 hours. This will keep for 1 week.

BEEF STROGANOFF

- 2 lb. sirloin beef, cut in thin strips dredged in flour
- 1/3 cup butter
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- One 4 oz. can mushrooms
- Salt and Pepper
- 2/3 cup tomato juice
- ½ cup sherry
- ½ cup water
- 2/3 cup sour cream

Brown meat in ½ butter and remove meat. Add remaining butter, onions and mushrooms. Cook 5 minutes. Put meat back in and season with salt and pepper to taste; add tomato juice, sherry and water. If too dry add more tomato juice. Boil egg noodles in beef broth, add poppy seeds just before serving. Add sour cream just before serving. Serves 6.

PORK CHOPS HAWAIIAN

- 4 pork chops (about 1 lb.)
- One 10 oz. can beef broth
- ½ cup pineapple tid bits
- ¼ cup chopped green pepper
- ¼ cup ketchup
- 1 Tbsp. vinegar
- 1 Tbsp. brown sugar

In skillet brown chops; pour off fat. Add remaining ingredients. Cover; simmer 45 minutes. Stir now and then. Mix 2 Tbsp. water with 1 Tbsp. cornstarch; stir into sauce. Cook; stir until thickened. Serve with rice.

COLONIAL CARROT PECAN CAKE

- 1¼ cups salad oil
- 2 cups Colonial Granulated Sugar
- 2 cups sifted flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. salt
- 4 eggs
- 3 cups grated raw carrots
- 1 cup finely chopped pecans

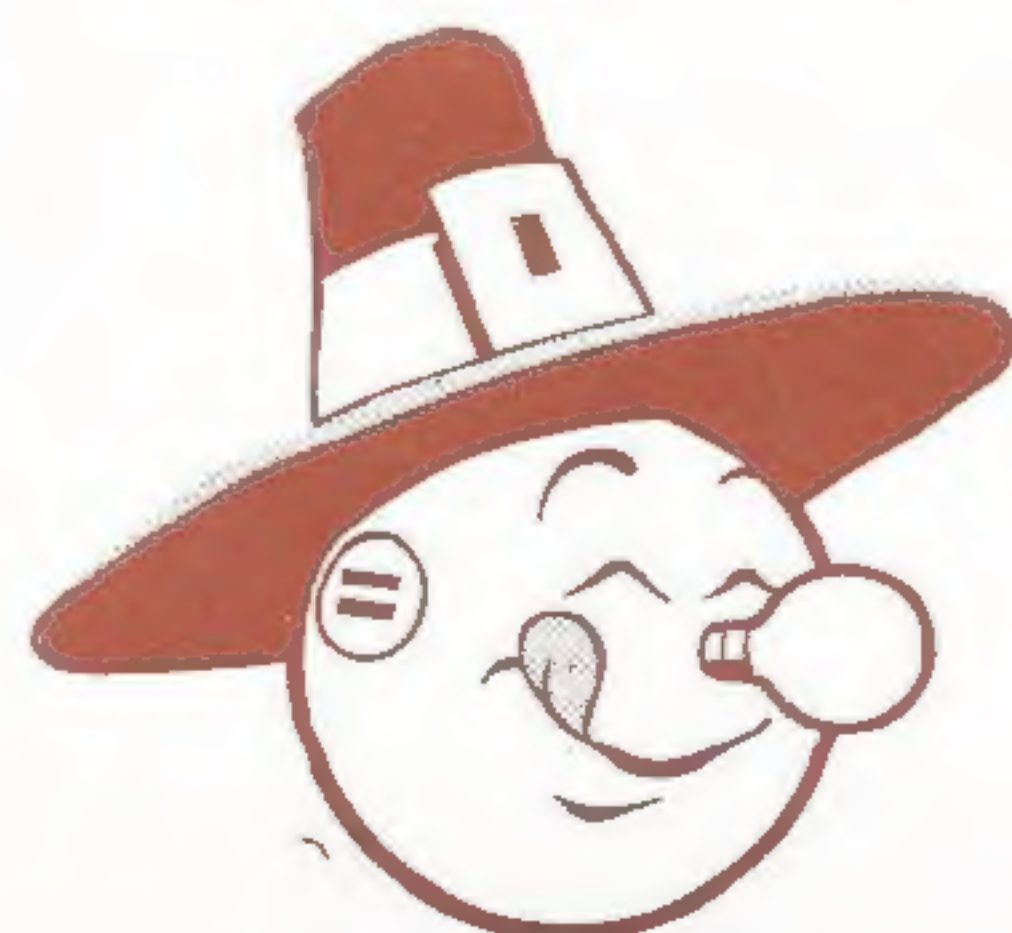
Combine oil and sugar, mix well. Sift together remaining dry ingredients. Sift half of dry ingredients into sugar mixture, blend. Sift in remaining dry ingredients alternately with eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Add carrots and mix well, then mix in pecans. Pour into lightly oiled 10" tube pan. Bake in slow oven (325 degrees F) about one hour and 10 minutes. Cool in pan upright. Remove from pan -- frost with Orange Glaze.

ORANGE GLAZE

Split cake into 3 horizontal layers. Spread Orange Glaze between layers and on top and sides.

- ¼ cup cornstarch
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. fresh lemon juice
- 2 Tbsp. grated orange peel
- 1 cup fresh orange juice
- 1 cup Colonial Granulated Sugar
- 1 Tbsp. butter

Combine sugar and cornstarch in sauce pan. Add juices slowly and stir until smooth. Add remaining ingredients. Cook over low heat until thick and glossy. Cool and spread on cake. (If heavier glaze is desired, double recipe.)



AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO



P. O. BOX 2951
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

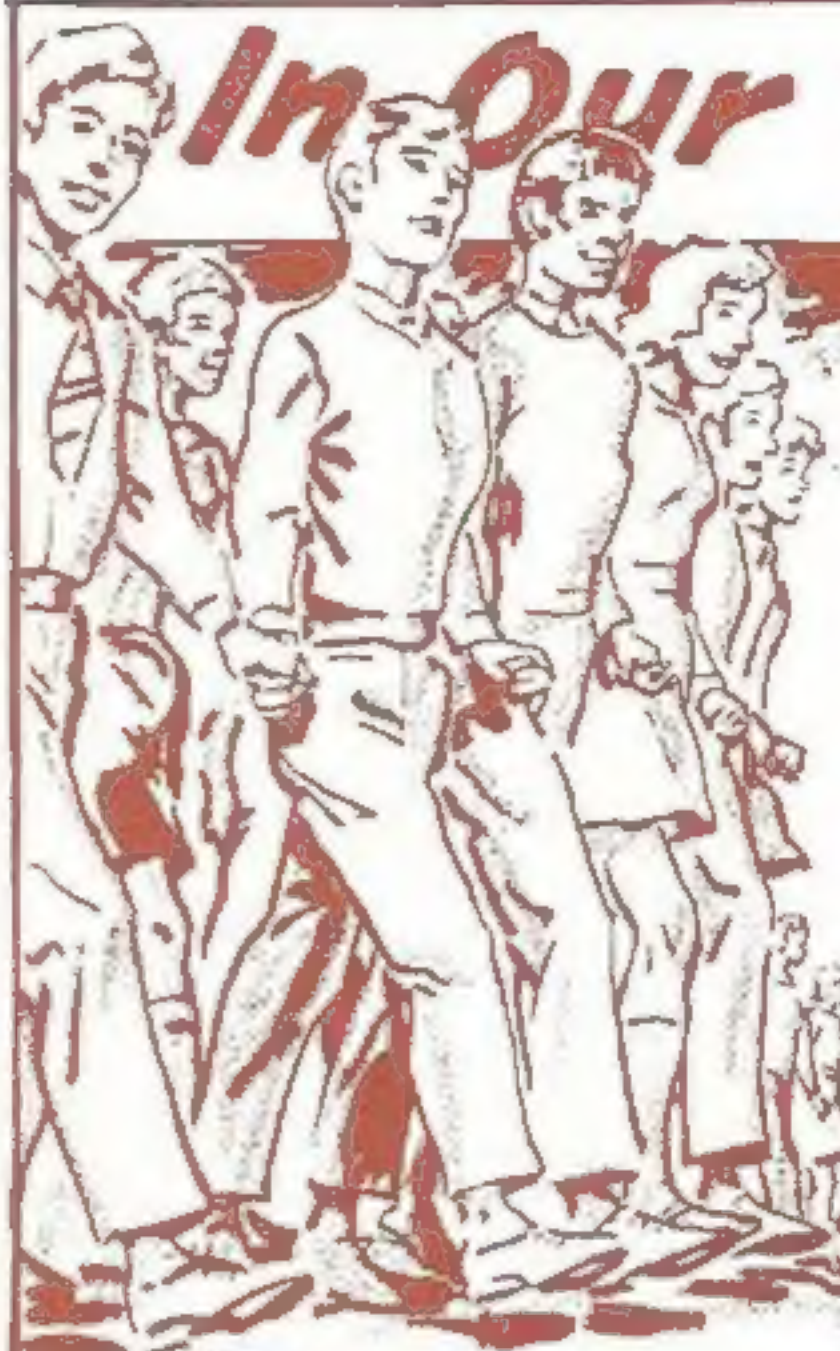
RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED

Bulk Rate
U. S. POSTAGE PAID
Beaumont, Texas
Permit No. 11

1972 United Features


In Our Time

by Grotter



**WITNESSING THE
GREATEST MASS MOVE-
MENT IN THE HISTORY
OF MAN... 1972'S BACK-TO-
SCHOOL MOVEMENT
INVOLVES OVER 53 MILLION
CHILDREN... OVER TWICE
AS MANY AS IN 1934.***

**DEDICATED TO 18 BILLION
HOURS OF STUDY...**
[IN GRADES 8 TO 12 ALONE,
OVER 18 MILLION STUDENTS
WILL COME HOME WITH ASSIGNMENTS
REQUIRING 1 TO 5 HOURS A NIGHT... UP TO
1000 HOURS IN SCHOOL YEAR.]



**THE FUTURE RESTS IN
THESE EYES...**
BETTER LIGHT. BETTER SIGHT
BUREAU STRESSES THE
NEED FOR A STUDY PLACE
WITH GOOD LIGHTING TO
MAKE HOMESTUDY EASY...
SUCH A STUDY LAMP WILL
BEAR THE ABOVE
CERTIFIED TAG OF
APPROVAL.

*IN ADDITION THERE ARE OVER 8 MILLION COLLEGE STUDENTS